

# SMOKE SIGNALS

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## Happy Holidays

### Administration's Message

Dear Residents:

With the joy of the Holiday Season upon us, your Village Board wishes you a world of hope and peace. As we take a moment to reflect upon what really is important in life, let us reaffirm that we as one united community will continue to be a community of caring and of sharing.

On December 8, 2005, at the regularly scheduled Village Board meeting, an exciting concept for future of the south-western corner of our Village and as such, for the future of our entire Village, was presented.

At the meeting, commercial property owner Bob Pape of the American Body Company announced that he would be relocating his truck refurbishing business out of the Village by June of 2006. Because of the nature of the business, it provided little basis for tax revenue.

In a nutshell, Mr. Pape has proposed a "planning partnership" with the Village of Indian Head Park to plan an economic/commercial area that would be a corollary to the town center commonly known as the "Triangle". Utilizing the working name of "**SouthTown**", the 8 acre parcel is located on the western end of 70th Place bordered by Interstate 294 and Interstate 55. The area is presently a quasi-industrial area which has suffered from a degree of blight and has not manifested the best and highest use potential.

What makes this development possibility so positive for the future of Indian Head Park is the partnership between the private sector and the public sector. The Village will be involved from "square one" in relation to every aspect of the planning of SouthTown and developer selection.

Furthermore, Mr. Pape is **not** seeking a financial partnership; although the Village would consider all aspects of municipal authority to ensure the success of the development.

Lastly, we are calling upon all interested and qualified developers to contact the Village for an interview. Interviews will be scheduled beginning January 23, 2006 and are expected to run until February 10, 2006.

Let us now return to the importance of the present. May the Holidays rekindle the joys of family and peace, the gift of friendship and gratitude for all of our blessings.

In behalf of your entire Village Administration, let me wish you a healthy and prosperous Holiday Season and may the New Year be especially good to all of you and to those that you love.

Thanking you, once again, for the privilege of serving as your Mayor, I remain,

Sincerely, Richard F. Pellegrino

P.S. Congratulations and best of luck to **Carrie Truckenbrodt** in her new venture as Consultant to **Finesse Cuisine** of Chicago. We hear that Carrie can be reached at (312) 280-9999 for any holiday catering needs. Of course, her proud parents are long time Indian Head Park residents (and Illini fans) **Margie and Randy Truckenbrodt**.



The Indian Head Park and Western Springs Aging Well teams have joined together to offer a seminar which will update seniors on two important programs. Our January seminar will feature an update on the Aging Well initiative; and the new Medicare Part D Prescription Program. This program will be held Monday, January 16, 2006 from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. at the Western Springs Recreation Center at 1500 Walker Street in Western Springs, located west of Wolf Road and north of Hillgrove Ave.

The Aging Well update will be provided by Sandra Alexander, community facilitator for Aging Well. The Medicare Part D update will be provided Linda Carey from Southwest Suburban Center on Aging. The program is free and light refreshments will be provided.

Aging Well is a grassroots initiative started in 2001 by the Suburban Area Agency on Aging. The project's goal is to create communities that are elder friendly. Teams of concerned citizens meet in small local groups throughout greater Lyons Township to expand and improve services to older adults.

For more information, contact Western Springs Aging Well team co-leader, Mike Doepke at 708-783-1220.

## Police Department Briefing

From all of us at the Village of Indian Head Park, we wish you and your family a happy and safe holiday season. A few safety tips for the holiday season: (1) while out and about shopping, be aware of your surroundings, especially in crowded places. Shop with friends or relatives; (2) return to your vehicle periodically to check on it and reduce the number of packages you may be carrying. Store packages in the trunk of your vehicle or out of view; (3) if you go out in the evening, turn lights on and a radio or television so your home appears to be occupied; (4) if you are away for a few days, set automatic timers for your lights; (5) confine your charitable giving to reputable established organizations, preferably those with a local branch. To avoid telephone solicitation to the extent possible, sign up for the "National Do-Not Call List".

## Public Works Department Message

Recently, we experienced our first substantial snowfall of the season. Heavy snow can immobilize a region, stranding commuters, closing airports, stopping the flow of supplies and disrupting various services. Keep ahead of the storm by listening to a radio or television for the latest winter storm warnings, watches and advisories. Dress for the season... wear loose, lightweight, warm clothes in layers. Additional weather related information may be obtained from the following Websites: [www.nws.noaa.gov](http://www.nws.noaa.gov), [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov), [www.red-cross.org](http://www.red-cross.org).

## Scheduled Meeting Dates

**Village Board of Trustees 7:30 p.m.:**

Thursday, January 12, 2006

**Planning and Zoning Commission 7:30 p.m.:**

Tuesday, January 3, 2006

**Police Commission 7:00 p.m.:**

Thursday, January 5, 2006

All meetings are held at the Municipal Facility at 201 Acacia Drive. All residents are welcomed!

### Smoke Signals

Newsletter Coordinator, Kathy Leach  
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**Deadline date for the next issue is January 13, 2006.**

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## WANTED

In the interest of preserving the valuable history of our community, the Indian Head Park Heritage Foundation is endeavoring to acquire artifacts, memorabilia, photographs or any other materials related to the history of our community.

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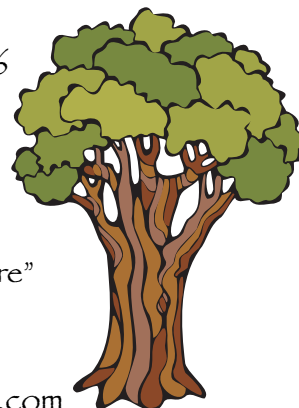
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## NOTEWORTHY LETTERS

November 23, 2005

Richard F. Pellegrino, Village President  
Indian Head Park

On behalf of the LaGrange area League of Women Voters, I would like to thank you for your cooperation in the planning for our forum on Disaster Preparedness on November 15, 2005 at Lyons Township High School.

The following participants gave graciously of their time to participate in our panel discussion on the issues involved with emergency and disaster planning in our west suburban Cook County area.

Brookfield –	Police Chief Tom Schoenfeld
Countryside –	Police Chief Timothy J. Swanson Steve Norman, Emergency Mgmt./ Homeland Security Coordinator
Indian Head Park –	Police Chief Pat Crowley
LaGrange –	Fire Chief David Fleege
LaGrange Park –	Sergeant Bill Beaudway, Emergency Services Coordinator
Riverside –	Fire Chief Anthony Bednarz
Westchester –	Fire Chief Thomas Rafferty
Western Springs –	Lt. Ian Severeid, Fire Department

The varied expertise and knowledge of all the panelists provided valuable insight into what has been done concerning disaster planning, and what yet remains to be done to ensure that we live in safe and secure communities.

The League of Women Voters is committed to encouraging public involvement on issues of civil liberties and homeland security, and to this end we look forward to supporting future efforts of community involvement in developing and implementing local disaster plans.

Cynthia Schilsky  
Program Vice-President  
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## Indian Head Park Woman's Club News . . .

The next meeting of the Indian Head Woman's Club meeting will be on Tuesday, January 17, 2006, at the Village Hall in the conference room located in the rear of the building, where parking is also available. January's program will be a little different. The change of pace program is called "Bunco Fun Night." As the name implies, the entertainment part of the meeting will consist of the members and their guests playing the game of Bunco. If you have never played before or always wanted to learn, the January meeting will have you playing like a pro. Prizes will be awarded to the winners of the game. The business part of the meeting starts at 6:45 p.m. The games will begin at approximately 8:30 p.m.

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## Student News...

### **LaGrange Highlands, School District #106**

Congratulations to the following students from Indian Head Park who earned a designation on the honor roll at LaGrange Highlands Middle School. (Straight A's): Sarah Carlson, Kristen Conrath, Mark Koziel, Anastasia Schied, Willa Skeeahan, Alison Austermuehle, Silvana Cespedes, Veronica Christopher, Rebecca MacDonald, Nina Madjer, Brianna McNamee, Mariel Rogozinski, Julia Watkins, Samantha Yelnick, Kimberly Campbell, Alexandra Daemicke, Richard Golz, Jennifer Kim, Christine Schied and Allison Stuck. (Honor Roll): Teresa Begy, Alisan Goetz, Christina Harazin, Haley Johnson, Victoria Ronin, Jeremy Carlson, Jennifer Daar, Jack Gouty, Jessica Manuele, Kathryn Phinick, Clare Bohne, Caroline Dost, Arghavan Farhadi, Martin Hasler, William Koziel and Kelly Wang. (Honorable Mentions): Nicole Davini, Colin Gillette, Katherine Klemchuk, Elena Knetl, Amy Sheneman, Joel Janchenko, Connor Kriz, Christopher Sargent, Brendan Blaber, Thomas Brannen, Simona BruzYTE, Donovan Corcoran, Jacob DiPompeo, Lauren Gronke, Nicole Hladik, Sebastian Hoak and Taylor Warf.

### **Nazareth Academy – LaGrange Park**

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On Saturday, October 2nd, Police Officer Lee Zeitlan hosted a tour of the Indian Head Park Police Facility for the "Little Princesses" and their chaperones. This group of children volunteered to plant flowers around the Municipal Facility. Many thanks to: Grace Brannen, Catherine Mossing, Hillary Brannen, Leah Slivovsky, Marie Burke, Alaina Kafkes, Diana Kafkes and William Brannen.

**Please Note\*\*\*** We are still receiving responses to the flier insert in our last issue of Smoke Signals entitled "Help Your Village Board Name the Passive Park at Plainfield and Wolf Roads". Please return your completed forms to the Village Offices no later than December 30th so we may compile the results.

The Heritage Center Library will be closed on Saturday, December 24, 2005 and Saturday, December 31, 2005 due to the upcoming holidays.

On December 1st Pace joined transit agencies across the country in commemorating the 50th Anniversary of Rosa Parks's refusal to give up her bus seat. A front seat on all Pace buses were marked with a decal in her honor. Pace is also honoring Ms. Parks with signs, a video on transit televisions and a message on their website, [www.pacebus.com](http://www.pacebus.com). Pace Executive Director T.J. Ross said the agency wanted to honor the spirit of Rosa Parks in ways that reflected her place in the civil rights movement and American history.

Our condolences to the families and friends of the following residents of Indian Head Park who recently passed away: Anita Williams, who was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority and the LaGrange Country Club, she enjoyed golf and was a world traveler.

# Viewpoints



## Past, present and future

American culture has dubiously earned the reputation of being a disposable society. We are all about today with little regard for tomorrow.

We are a society that doesn't save things. Our personal savings habits are some of the worst among the industrialized world.

We have let ourselves be conned by Madison Avenue and marketing strategists into thinking that everything new and young is better. The stage was set nearly 40 years ago when the Pepsi Generation empowered youths and sent the message that the old needed to make way for bold, fresh thinking — for living for today.

Ironically, that same generation now is leading a national trend for preserving the old, for valuing our past and talking about the importance of history and our roots. The preservationist movement has taken hold in many communities across the country, including here in suburban Chicago.

Look around and you will see residents rallying together to form organizations dedicated to keeping their town history alive.

Consider the Franzosenbusch Heritage Society — which collects and records history primarily for Westchester, Hillside and surrounding communities — and shares

some members with the Save the Prairie Society. Lyons has the Lyons Historical Commission and the Hofmann Tower Restoration League. There is the La Grange Area Historical Society, which covers La Grange Park, too. The Hillside Historical Society takes on added significance in the village's centennial year. Then there are the Riverside Historical Museum, the Brookfield Historical Commission and the Indian Head Park Heritage Foundation.

We applaud the efforts of the local preservationists devoted to their cause. Too often local history is forgotten or not studied, especially in areas such as ours, where growth and development have been the norm for years.

Still, there is a balance that communities must strike between preservation and keeping a town alive. Just because a building is old doesn't mean it has historic value — not everything is worth saving.

Sometimes a new development can revitalize a downtown that may otherwise wither away. Without people shopping, eating or just living in a community, there is no town to preserve.

Those communities in which the old and the new coexist in harmony are the ones that will thrive.

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